

## Editorial Note for Modern Chemistry & Applications

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### EDITORIAL

Once again, we are proud to be able to provide summaries and snippets of the tremendous body of work that is being conducted worldwide by academics, clinicians, and the many organisations and individuals who invest their time in promoting good causes in relation to modern chemistry and applications. In recent years, the modern chemistry has undergone dramatic changes in terms of content and format. Its presentation online has also undergone development, and while its transformation continues, we thought it opportune to update you on where we stand so as to make everyone aware of some of the exciting changes that have already made an impact, and those that are on the horizon. The MCA now regularly, publish Commentaries and Letters, ideally linked to articles or on topics that have been recently published, but not exclusively so.

Again, these are intended to be thought-provoking and usually address contemporary issues. An exciting and totally new section is that concerning Clinical Articles, of which there are several types of Clinical Care articles. These provide an opportunity to publish case studies or series of case studies, or comment on clinical observations and findings. Observations on current practice and those relating these to historical knowledge, or re-examination of past problems, and the discussion of these in light of new evidence, can all be considered within this section provided they have a clinical focus. These pieces are intended to allow for interpretation and the inclusion of clinical experience and wisdom. As such, these articles have been particularly popular generating discussion in peer review groups, clinical presentations within hospital settings, and through internet

discussions. They can also serve as useful templates for training and education. On occasion, the journal also publishes musings, which are generally more contemplative pieces that make a single interesting point. We feel that this is an important advance, as it ensures knowledge is freely available, facilitating good quality research and excellence in clinical practice. To be alerted when each issue becomes available, you can send your details to the editorial office. Throughout its history, but particularly of late, the journal has been working closely to facilitate the publication of key developments, ideas, research, and lessons for practice in the form of task Force papers. These have served to bring together clinicians and trigger collaborative work around the world.

The articles themselves, written by experts, provide up-to-date comprehensive information, sometimes in the form of guidance and advice regarding all aspects of mood disorders. The rapid societal changes brought forth by the COVID-19 public health emergency are difficult to ignore. Nonetheless, what we observe from our resilient colleagues and patients is the ability to innovate, overcome barriers, and consider workarounds while being alert and vigilant in this time of uncertainty. Undoubtedly, COVID-19 has impacted the publishing world. However, to challenge ourselves further, perhaps we need to be hopeful and exercise “out of the box” thinking in terms of opportunities for research, education, and providing service.

Finally, for over two decades, the Journal of modern chemistry and applications has remained one of the leading journals in the field worldwide. This has only been made possible with your support, and for this we are grateful, and express our thanks.

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